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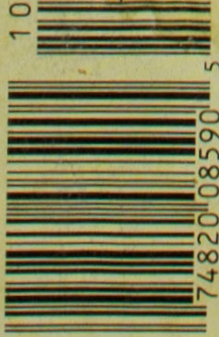
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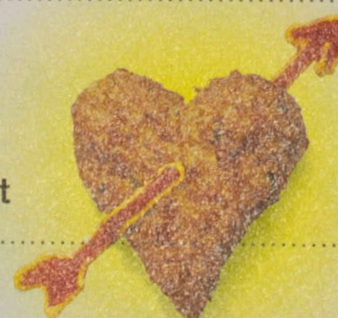
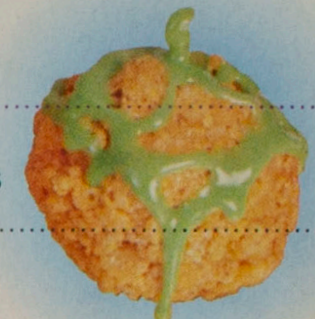
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I'm Zeldi, the
magazine's roving
reporter. Look for me
and my biting wit
throughout the issue.



Letters TO THE EDITORS

Dear Nick Mag,
My dad likes golf. Could you put in a golf section?
Becky S., age 10
Oak Grove, Kentucky

Dear Becky,
We liked the idea of the golf section, *putt* thought it had some *holes* in it. We'll see what we can do *fore* you and your dad, but we're pretty *green* on the

topic. In the meantime, check out October 17 on our calendar (page 35).

Dear Nick Mag,
Instead of putting the answers in the back of the magazine you should print the answers in the next issue. That way, readers would be more excited for the next magazine to come.
Kristopher S.
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Kristopher,
Though we can't delay the

answer page, we *would* like readers to be excited about the next issue. Any other ideas?

Dear Nick Mag,
What happened to "Revolting But True"? That was one of my favorite pages. Can you please bring it back?
Pauline U., age 13 1/2
San Jose, California

Dear Pauline,
The sad and revolting truth is that we don't have

room for it in every issue. But this time, we fit it in (see page 51). The facts are so disgusting that we had trouble digesting them!

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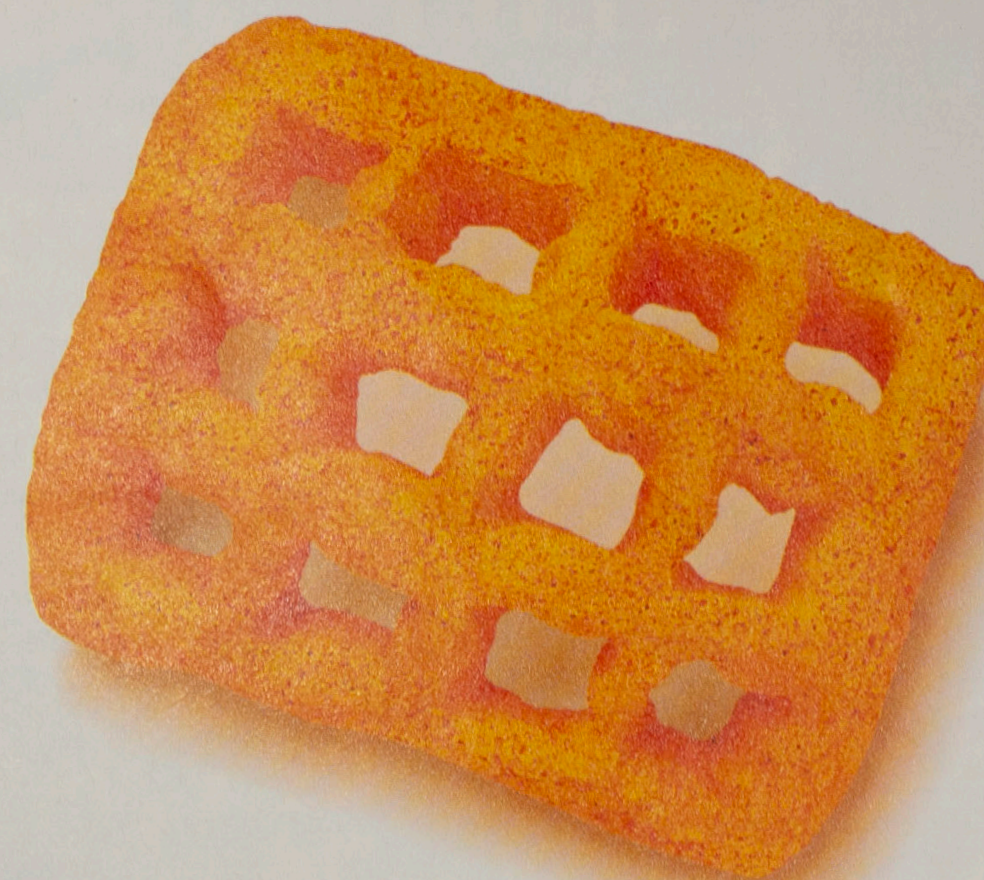
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The Man Who Makes Us Chuckle and Snicker

Vishnu "Victor" Patel owns 1515 News, Inc., the candy store and newsstand in the lobby of our building. Since he sells us the candy that gives us the energy to put together this magazine, we thought you should meet him. **R**

Nickelodeon Magazine: What are your bestselling candies?

Victor Patel: Kit Kat, M&M's, Snickers, and Clorets gum. Trident sells well, too.

NM: Since Nickelodeon, MTV, and VH1 are all in the building, have any famous people ever shopped here?

VP: Yes. Jesse Jackson, Tyra Banks, and Cindy Crawford. Cindy bought Bazooka gum and some British magazines.

NM: Do you have kids?

VP: I have two kids. A five-year-old

girl and a two-year-old boy.

NM: Do your kids get free candy?

VP: Oh, yes. I bring it home for them every day.

NM: Have you ever had a cavity from eating too much candy?

VP: No. I only eat candy once a day.

NM: What is your dream candy bar?

VP: A Kit Kat.

NM: Would you ever want to change its name to something else?

VP: A Vic Kat.



BEHIND THE COUNTER: Vishnu "Victor" Patel (right) and coworker Pankaj.

ALL DRESSED UP

Somewhere in this issue, one of our staff members is wearing a Halloween costume. Can you find the picture? This mask is a hint. Answer on page 53.



What's So Scary?

Halloween is a spooky time. Don't let your fears get the best of you. Our chart shows you what is and is not frightening.



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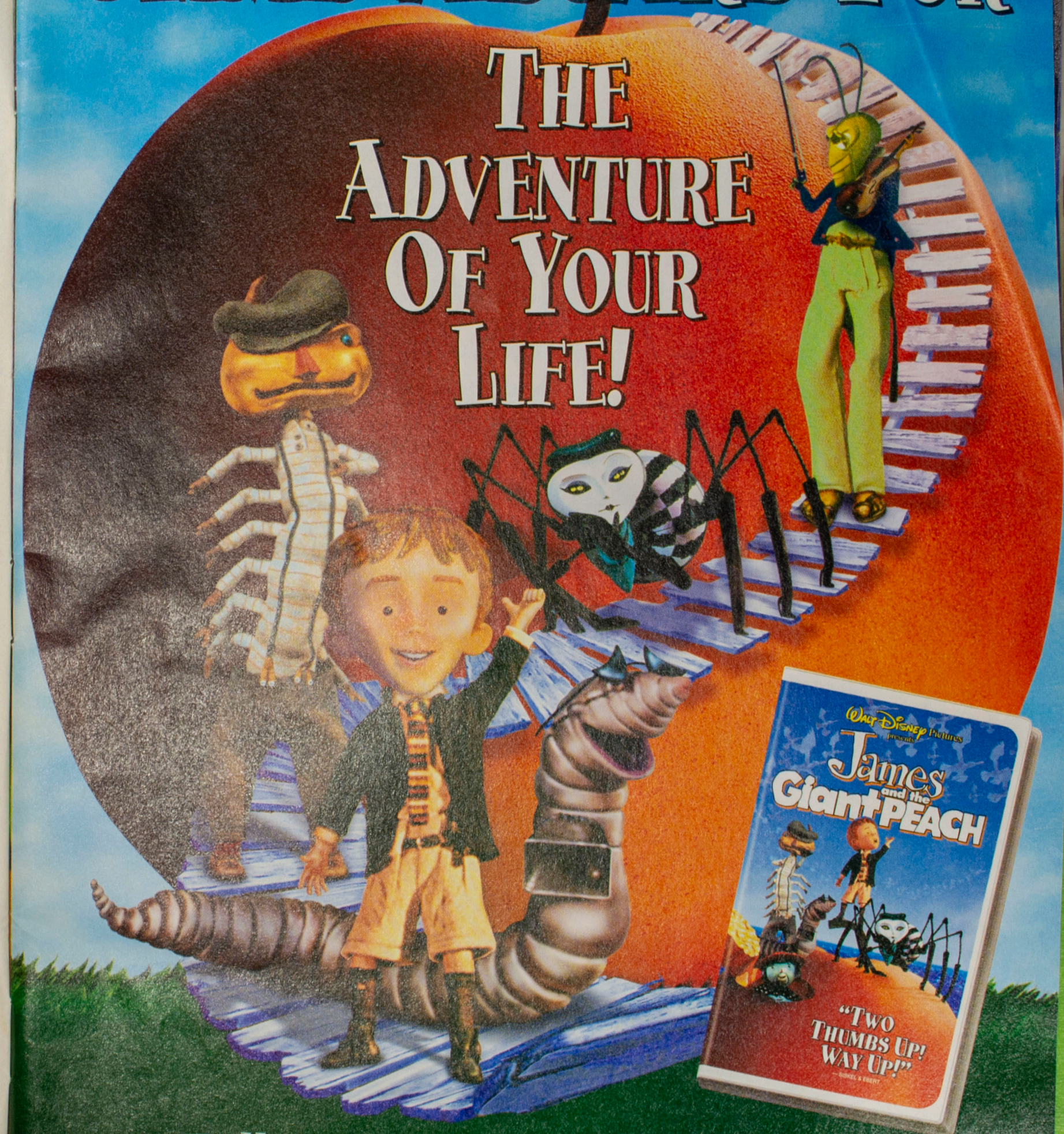
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The JOKE Page

by David Lewman

Monstrously Funny

What do monsters do when they hear country music?
They start scaredancing.

What do monsters eat for breakfast?
Scream of Wheat.

What do monsters call their basketball squad?
The Scream Team.

Why did the monster go to the barber?
To get a new scaredo.

What's a monster's favorite kind of dog?
A Scaredale Terrier.

What did the Klingon say on Halloween?
"Trek or treat!"

What did the pony say on Halloween?
"Trick or trot!"

Why do dogs bark on October 31?
They're celebrating Howloween.

How can you tell if a monster is following you?
Look in your fearview mirror.

Who is a werewolf's favorite comedian?
Hairy Seinfeld.

What's big and pink and lives in the mountains?
Pigfoot.



Why did the kid avoid Steve Urkel's house on Halloween?
He was afraid of the dork.

What do you call a creepy story about fog?
A mistery.

What do you call a series of books about scary camels?
Goosehumps.

What do you call a series of books about scary oatmeal?
Goosehumps.

Who solved mysteries and made honey?
The Hardy Bees.

Who solved mysteries and wore a bib?
Nancy Drool.

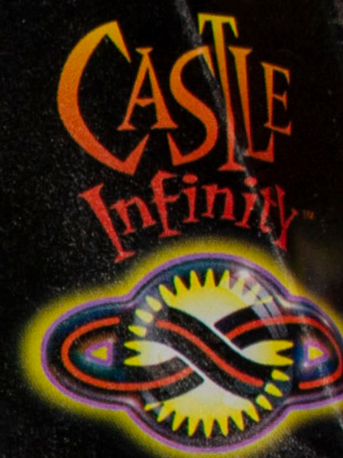
What has long, sharp teeth and comes in 31 flavors?
The Hound of the Baskin-Robbinsvilles.

Why did the chicken cross the road?
No one knows—it's a mystery!

Which TV show is about the FBI investigating mysterious cattle?
The Ox-Files.



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DO YOU HAVE THE FRIGHT STUFF?

Take this quiz—before it takes you! For each scary situation, circle the response that you would most likely have. Circle as many or as few as you'd like for each one. The Bravey-cat Decoder is on the bottom of the next page.



1. On Halloween night, you're at home putting on your costume. When you reach under your bed to grab your sneakers, someone—or is it something—hands them to you. You:

- ☒ a. say, "Thanks" and flip a quarter under the bed for a tip.
- ☐ b. say, "Thanks, but I'm looking for something a little more formal."
- ☐ c. hand it the dust mop and say, "Make yourself useful."

2. Heading for the first house, a black cat crosses your path. You:

- ☒ a. imitate a dog and chase it away.
- ☐ b. wish your costume wasn't made of kitty litter.
- ☐ c. make a catty comment about what it's wearing.

I do a really good imitation of a dog.



3. Five minutes later, a vampire swoops down on you. You:

- ☐ a. grab him by the shoulders and say, "I hope you like your *stake* well-done, bloodsucker!"
- ☒ b. say, "Sorry, I'm not your blood type."
- ☐ c. say, "Fangs, but no fangs."

4. A little bit later, a spaceship lands on an empty lot and aliens emerge. You:

- ☐ a. tell the aliens that you can't get them in to see your leader until sometime next week.
- ☒ b. ask them how much they paid for that thing.
- ☐ c. ask them if they'd like to phone home.

5. As you're walking to the next house, you pass a cemetery, and you see a hand coming out of a grave. You:

- ☒ a. pull its finger and wait for a noise.
- ☐ b. ask it if it starred in *The Addams Family*.
- ☐ c. give it a high five.



6. You're bobbing for apples at a Halloween party when you see a weird face looking up at you from the bottom of the tub of water. You:

- ☐ a. assume it's your own reflection.
- ☒ b. suggest an underwater tea party.
- ☐ c. compliment it on its good looks.

7. Back on the trick-or-treat trail, your friend Chad disappears into a puff of smoke. You:

- ☐ a. remind him of the dangers of smoking.
- ☐ b. shrug your shoulders and take his candy.
- ☒ c. ask him where he got his high-tech costume.



10. You see a woman with green skin and a pointy hat landing her broom. You:

- ☐ a. ask if she has *broom* for any passengers—you and Chad need a lift to the next street.
- ☐ b. ask her *witch* way she's headed.
- ☒ c. ask after her little dog, too.



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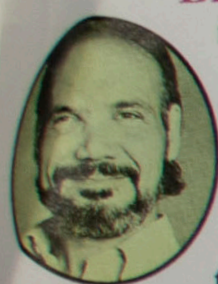
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Living on Fear Street



Bruce Coville is the author of more than 50 books, including *My Teacher Glows in the Dark* and *Aliens Ate My Homework*. This fall, *Space Station Ice-3* and *The World's Worst Fairy Godmother* will be available in bookstores. Bruce lives in Syracuse, New York, with his wife, his youngest son, three cats, and a dog. **RANDI HACKER** found the courage to ask him some questions.



Nickelodeon Magazine: How long have you been writing?

Bruce Coville: I decided I wanted to be a writer when I was in the sixth grade, and I started writing seriously when I was seventeen. My first book was published ten years later.

NM: How do you go about writing your books?

BC: I generally outline a book before I start. I didn't like the idea of outlining when a publisher first asked me to do it. I thought if I knew everything that would happen in a book, writing it would be boring. But now that I outline, I always have some goal in mind that helps me get through the tricky middle section.

NM: Which of your characters is most like you?

BC: Rod Allbright. His house and the territory around it are very much based on where I grew up. He has a swamp, a forest, and a field behind his house, and I did, too.

NM: What terrifies you?

BC: Letting down my readers. It's very important for me to provide really good books. I want each book to be better than the previous one. I know that's not always possible, so I write in a state of constant fear.

NM: What's your favorite book?

BC: I have a short list. I think *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt is the best children's book published in the past fifty years. And I love with all my heart Lloyd Alexander's *Chronicles of Prydain* series. I also love *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman.

NM: What's your favorite way to scare someone?

BC: I like to build suspense. I like to take my characters and my readers down a long, dark hall and have a door at the end of it. The character and the reader are both longing to open the door, but are also terrified of what might be behind it.

NM: Did you like Halloween as a kid?

BC: Halloween was my favorite holiday. I always went to the library to try to find the perfect book for Halloween, and I never actually found it. I've been trying to write it ever since.

NM: What's your favorite scary movie?

BC: The original *Frankenstein*. The best thing about the monsters in those old movies was that they looked like humans turned inside out.

NM: Do you like to scare your kids?

BC: Yes. [Mad laughter.]

NM: Which place is scarier—under the bed or in the closet?

BC: Under the bed, because it's closer.

NM: What's the scariest food you can think of?

BC: Tapioca pudding. It looks like something that grew in your body.

NM: Did aliens ever eat your homework?

BC: No, but my neighbor Mike and I used to hang out in our yards watching for aliens.

NM: Which are scarier—monsters, aliens, dragons, or teachers?

BC: Teachers. I'm going to get in trouble for that one.

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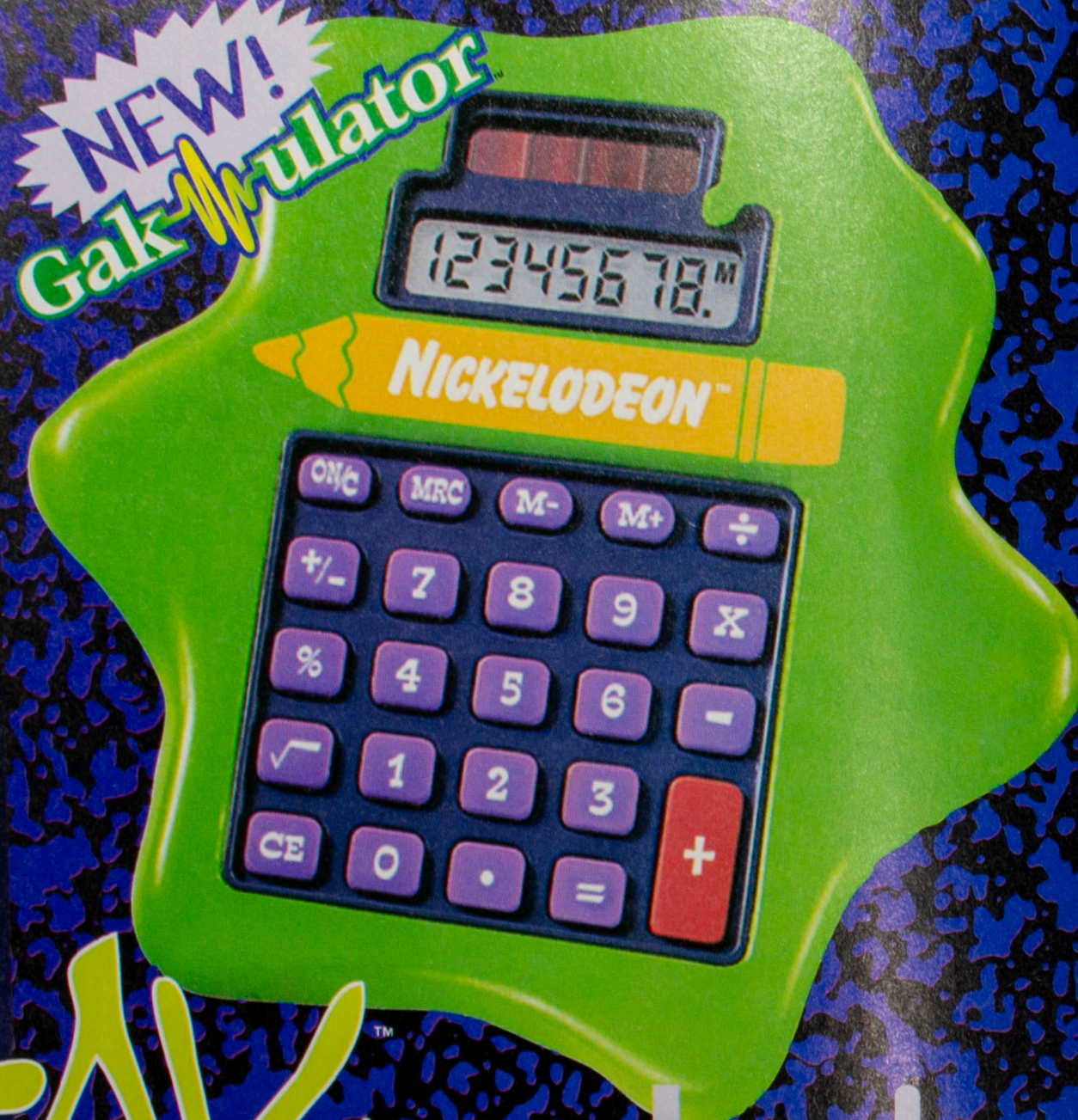


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In the Boo-ginning

by Stacey Bowers

Want to know how some monsters got their start?

Read this story—if you dare!



Big Bad Vlad

Vampire myths have been around for hundreds of years. But it wasn't until Irish writer Bram Stoker wrote *Dracula* in 1897 that vampires became popular in literature. Stoker wrote his book after having a nightmare about a vampire, and he based *Dracula* on a real person, Prince Vlad IV.

Vlad was born around 1430 near the area of Transylvania in what is now modern Romania. His father was a horrible man known as "Dracul," which means devil in Romanian. Vlad was called "Dracula," or "son of the devil." Vlad lived up to his nickname—he was such a cruel ruler that he speared people on tall stakes.

In the book *Dracula*, Stoker used some parts of the old vampire myth, including the idea that they drink blood. But Stoker invented the idea that vampires can turn into bats and that they have no reflection in a mirror.



A Hair-raising Tale

Long ago in Europe, people feared wolves, so they created the werewolf myth. A werewolf is a human who turns into a wolf and attacks people, usually during a full moon. The word comes from the Old English words *wer*, which means man, and *wulf*, which means wolf. The idea of a human-animal creature is common all over the world. Different societies have different were-creatures, depending on which animal is most feared. Other cultures have believed in werehyenas, werebears, weretigers, werefoxes, or wereleopards. In 1947, there was a case of a man who actually believed he was a werehippopotamus.

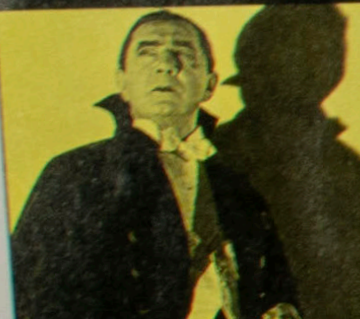





Zelda Van Gutter, furry head.

No Name, and a Flat Head

The story of Frankenstein is not an ancient myth. Instead, it came from the imagination of Mary Shelley, a young English writer. While telling scary stories with her friends, Shelley made up the story of Dr. Frankenstein and the monster he made from the body parts of dead people. Her friends enjoyed her story so much that she published it as a book in 1818. Though the monster in the book was never named, he has come to be known by the doctor's last name—and the book's title—*Frankenstein*.

Lifestyles of the Witch and Heinous

You might think it's fun to dress up as a scary being on Halloween. But life isn't just a bowl of candy for full-time scary creatures. Here's what your life would be like if you actually became one of them.

Monster	Advantages	Disadvantages	Hangouts	Biggest Fear
VAMPIRE 	You never have to eat garlic.	No playing in the sun	Transylvania Station, Cape Fear	Fang decay
WITCH 	You really rack up the frequent-flyer miles.	Splinters, warts	Broom closets, gingerbread houses	Falling houses, buckets of water
GHOST 	You get to spy on people.	People see right through you.	The options are endless.	Dirty sheets
WEREWOLF 	You're always changing your look.	Unsightly hair on knuckles and knees	Warehouses	Split ends  Werewolves!!
FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER 	You always have your head screwed on straight.	Second-hand clothing and brain	Kidney-shaped pools, the heartland	People asking you to lend them an ear or a hand

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Mystery Meat

Do you know which of the following meats are real and which are phony baloney? Circle the 20 real meats. *Mystery solved on page 53.*

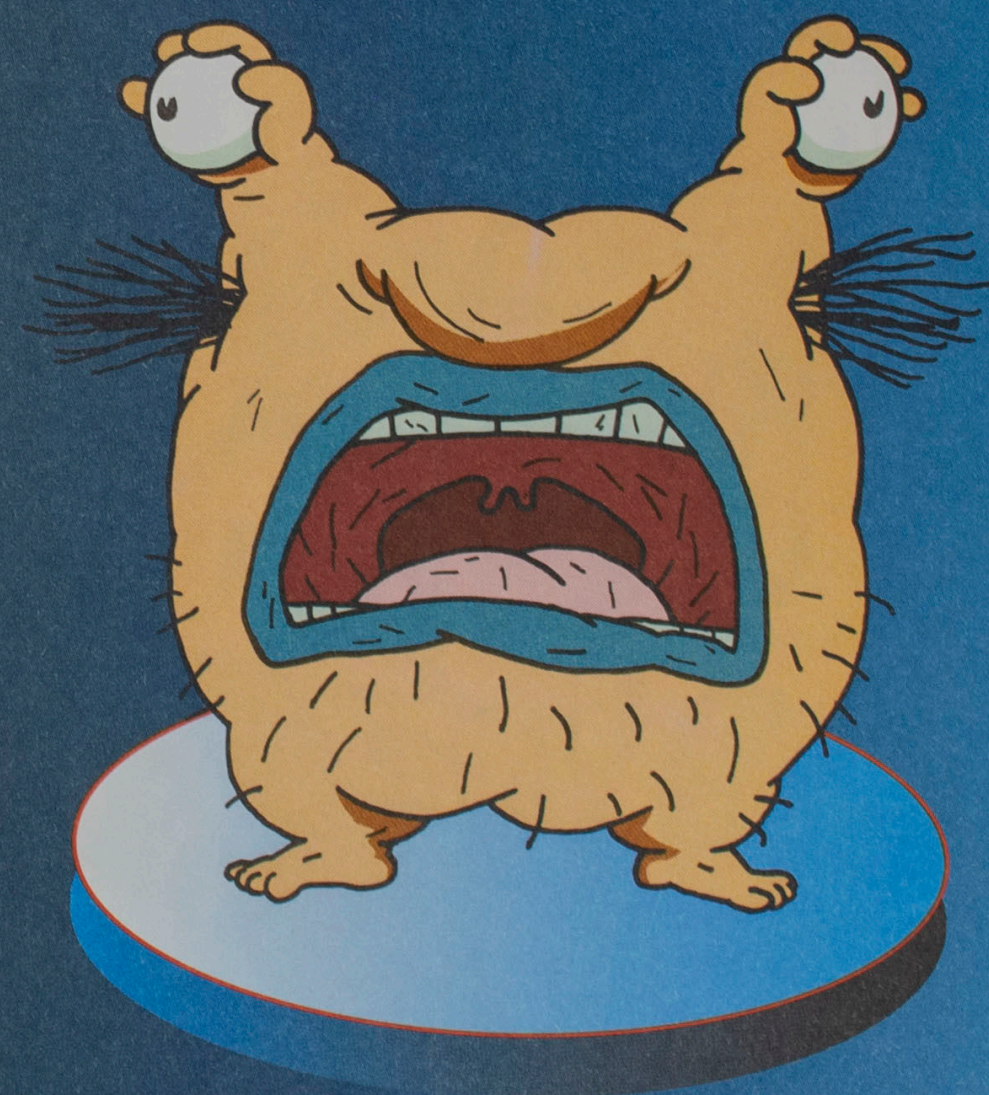
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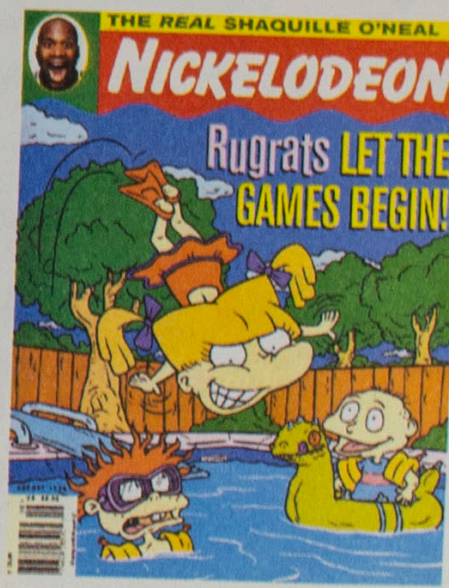
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The Wind in

Sit back and listen as I  out my tale.

My name is The Wind, though some call me Gale.

My story takes place one Halloween 
When I gave Timmy and Tammy a terrible fright.



I was gusting around, outside of their home


When for extra effect, I let out a moan.


Timmy opened the  to see what was wrong.



That's when I blew in and whistled my song.

Timmy said, "Tammy, it's just an October breeze."


But I saw the  bumps on poor Timmy's .

"I'm cold," Timmy said, and the  he shut.

I was stuck in the  now—no ifs, ands, or buts.


Inside of a , I never had  n,

And I was excited to have ~~two~~ new friends.

But the kids were so frightened I could hear their  beat.


So to quiet things down, I jumped neath a sheet.

But when they saw the sheet rise, I made matters worse.

Timmy screamed, "Ghost!" and needed a .



Tammy let out a yell that was heard coast to coast,

So I shrieked right back at both of my hosts!

Timmy kept screaming, so scared by my  s.

(Blowing around sheets, ha! That old trick never fails!)

He jumped up in terror and did such a dance!


I can't  certain, but I think he  d in his pants!



the Pillows by Gusty Springfield

Up the old wooden stairs they both tried to flee,


But I was blowing so hard that they couldn't run free.

If I could speak I'd have said, "Please open a  !

All I want is out of this  —that's it, nothing more!"

Or I might have said, "We should hang out together,"


So I could show them The Wind's not the worst part of weather.

Of harmless old winds, they shouldn't  afraid, no.

They should meet my big brother, that nasty Tornado.


Then an idea hit me, and I let out a shout:


By huffing and puffing I'd make my way out!


So I blew really hard; the  turned on its side.

I lifted the  and gave it a ride.

The walls of the  did sway and did rock.

I think that I smashed the grandfather .


At last Timmy and Tammy opened the  in the kitchen,

And finally I escaped—that  I was ditchin'.


I then realized I was no longer their guest,

I whistled good-bye, heading north by northwest.


But when I looked back and saw all the rubble,

I realized the two kids might  in for some trouble.

So I breezed back inside, whipped it all into shape.

The  looked so clean, they said, "Wind, you are great!"

"They *like* me," I bellowed right about then.



Next Halloween , I think I'll blow by again.

If you're stumped,
see page 53.



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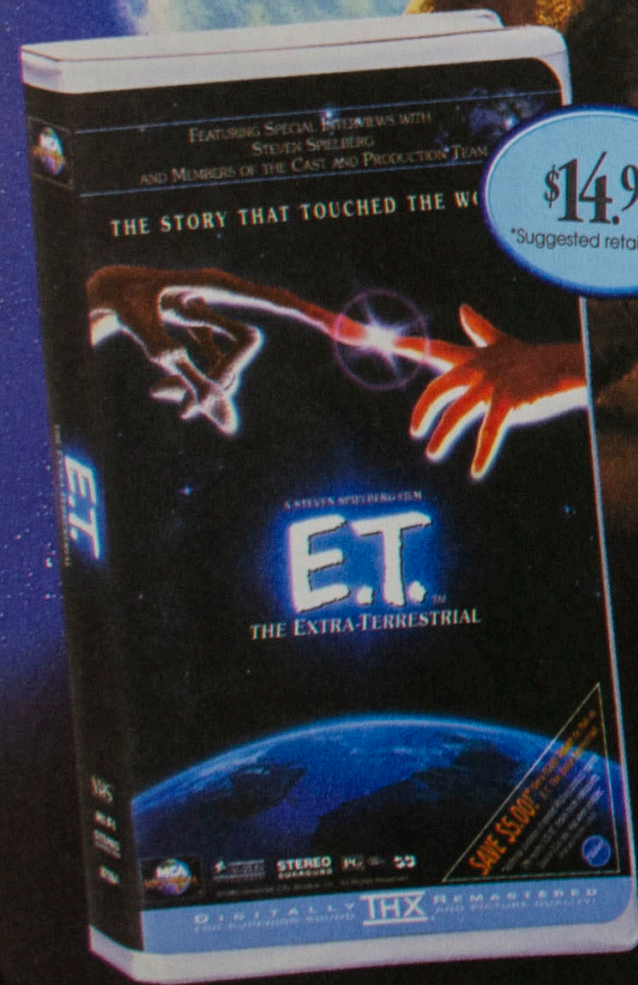


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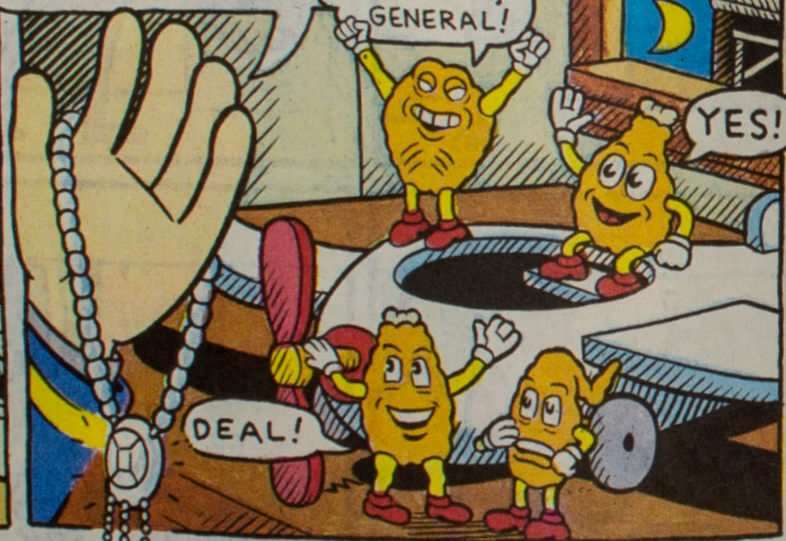
A WING, A BREAST, A THIGH, AND A DRUMSTICK ON THE RUN IN A WORLD THAT HUNGERS FOR THEIR FLESH!

IN THE LAST EPISODE, OUR BOYS WERE CAPTURED—TRAPPED IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE A MILITARY STING OPERATION. AH, BUT THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM.... READ ON!

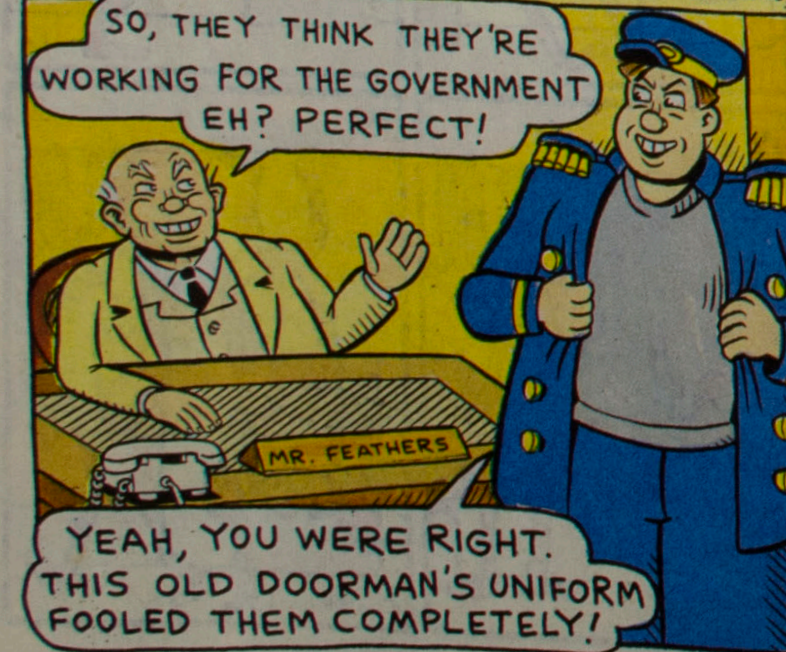
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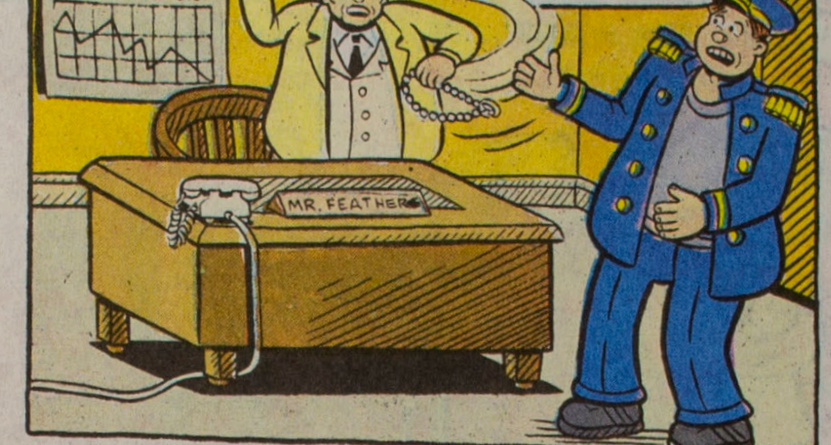
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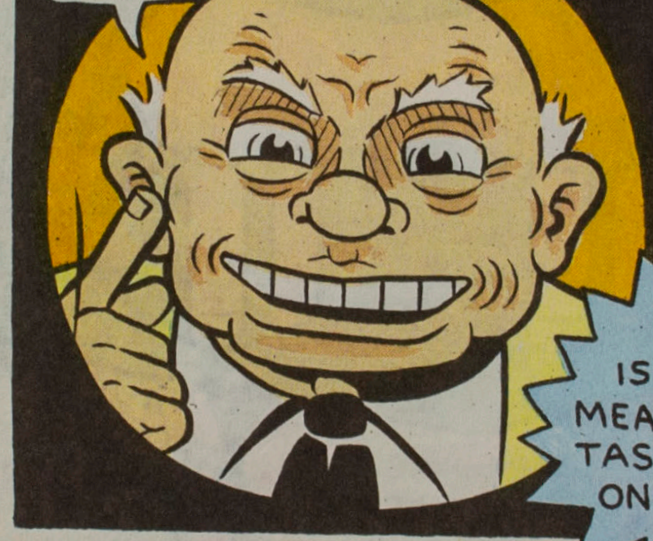
YOU FOOL! I MERELY INSTRUCTED YOU TO TEST-FLY THAT PLANE, NOT TO SEND THEM ON SOME CHEESY BURGLARY!



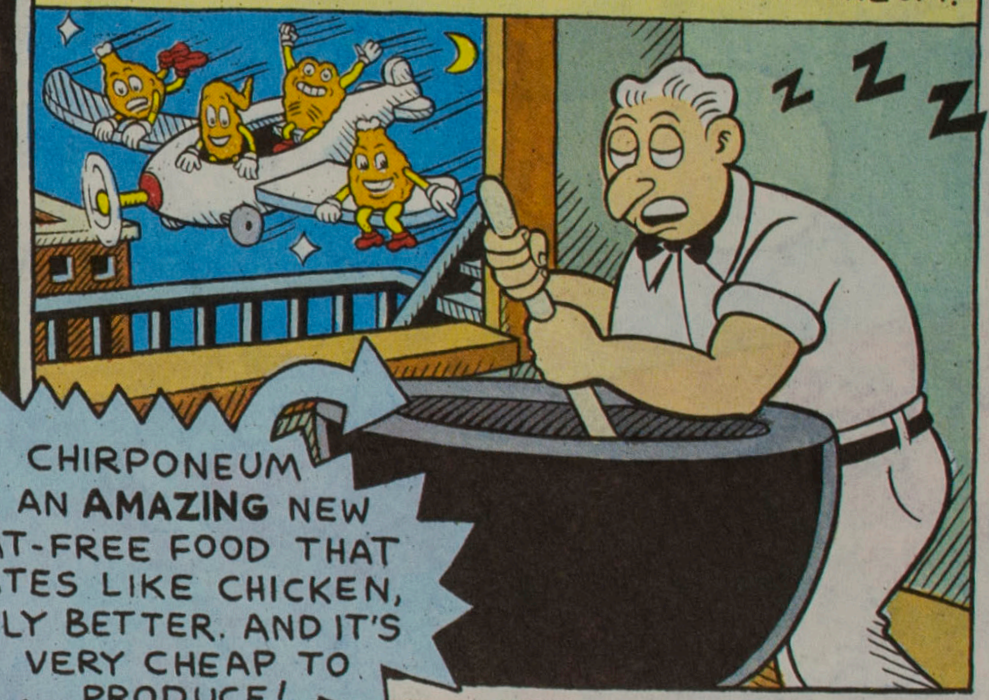
GEE, BOSS! I WAS ONLY...



NEVER MIND! ASSIGN THEM TO PROJECT CHIRPONEUM AT ONCE!

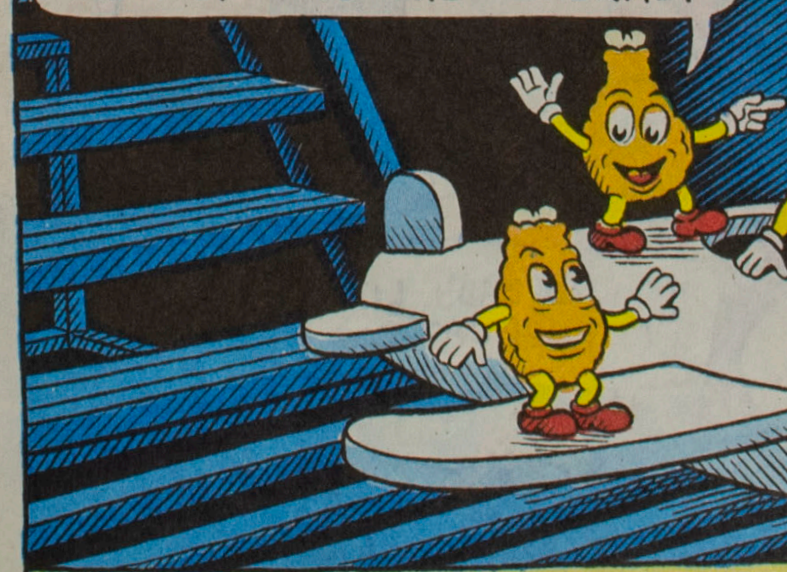


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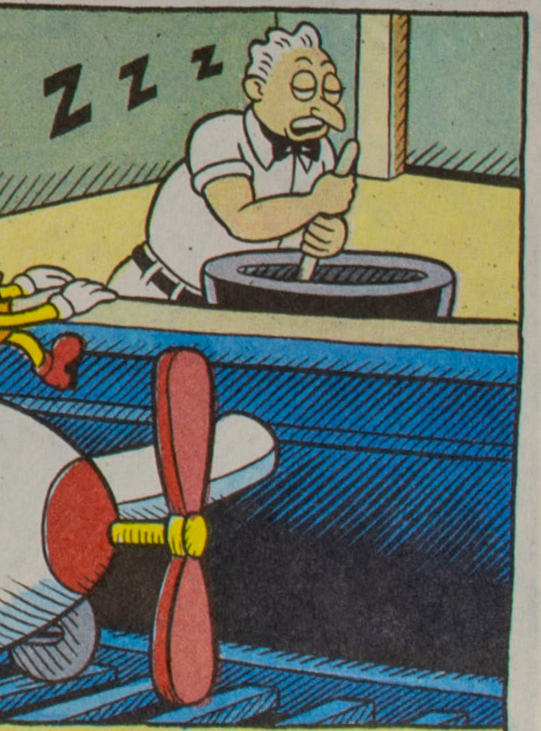


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1. LOOK AT A REALISTIC DRAWING OR PHOTO OF YOUR ANIMAL.

NICE HORSEY,

2. PICK A BASIC SHAPE FOR THE BODY. I CHOSE A PEANUT.

3. I ADDED LEGS THAT LOOK LIKE TUBES...

4. AND A GOOFY-LOOKING HEAD AND A TAIL.

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LET'S TRY ONE FROM SCRATCH:

1. 2. 3.

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NO WAY, BABY. LIKE, I'M A HEP CAT. DIG?

YOU'RE THE CAT'S MEOW!

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I'M ZOOT RUMPUS. I'M NOT IN THIS COMIC. I JUST WANTED TO SAY HI. OH, I GUESS I AM IN THIS COMIC!

FROM BIRD TO GOONEY BIRD

TWEET! TWEET!

HI YA!

FROM PIG TO PORKER

OINK!

BILLY BACON IS MY NAME.

NOW YOU TRY...

FROM MOUSE TO SQUEAKS

TURN ME INTO A CARTOON MOUSE.

FROM MONKEY TO CHIMPSTER

MAKE ME LOOK EVEN FUNNIER THAN I AM.

FROM DUCK TO WEBSTER

DON'T QUACK UP!

HEY, YOU DREW SOME PRETTY FUNNY ANIMALS.

AND JUST TO SHOW THAT EVEN I AM A CARTOON ANIMAL HERE'S MY BROTHER, A REAL WORM.

COME ON. LET'S GO NIGHT CRAWLING!

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THE HEY ARNOLD! RELATIONSHIP CHART (READ COUNTER-CLOCK WISE.)

RUTH P. MCDUGAL

THE SIXTH GRADE GIRL OF MY DREAMS. HELGA HATES RUTH. I DON'T GET IT.

PHOEBE

HELGA ALWAYS AROUND, BUGGING ME. ALWAYS CALLS ME "FOOTBALL HEAD!" I DON'T GET HER.

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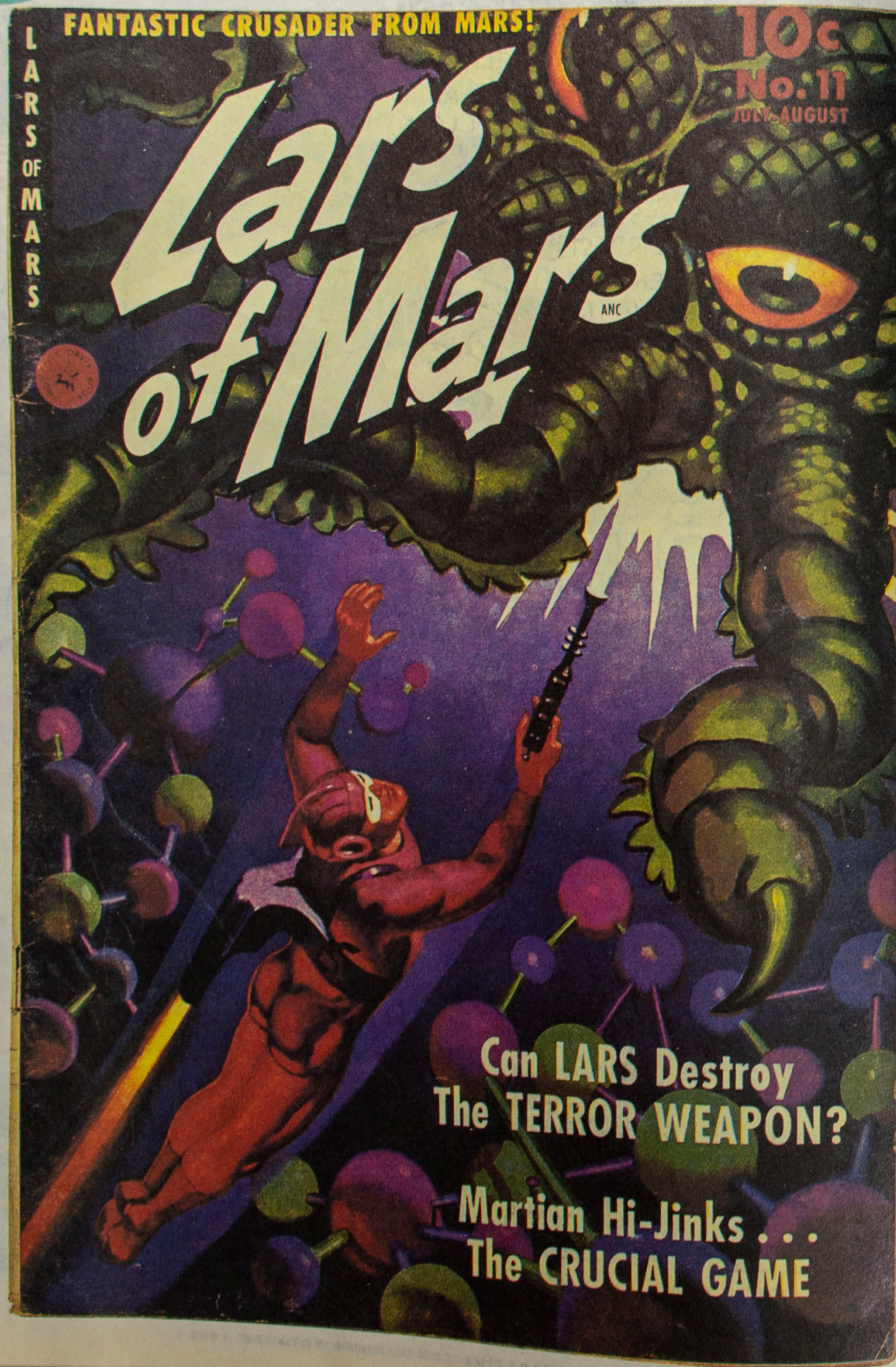
A. FRONT B. BACK C. WITHOUT SWEATSHIRT

IT'S MY SHIRTTAILS. I HOPE THIS CHART CLEARS IT UP.

NEXT: WHAT'S INSIDE MY HEAD!

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TV's NEWEST WITCH



This fall, Melissa Joan Hart stars on the new show *Sabrina, The Teenage Witch* on ABC. And you can still watch her on Nickelodeon's *Clarissa Explains It All*. We brewed up some questions for her.

Nickelodeon Magazine: Are you a lot like Sabrina, the teenage witch?

Melissa Joan Hart: I think I'm more secure than Sabrina is. She's more confused. When Sabrina finds out she's a witch, she really doesn't know what to do with herself. I'm more like Clarissa, because I'm very good at working through my problems.

NM: Could Sabrina and Clarissa be friends?

MJH: I don't know—maybe not. I think Clarissa might be a little too hyper and too high-energy for Sabrina.

NM: Is Sabrina a good witch or a bad witch?

MJH: Definitely a good witch. She uses her magic accidentally. She tries to do stuff for the good, but sometimes it backfires.

NM: Do you like Sabrina's clothes better than Clarissa's?

MJH: Sabrina's clothes are more normal; she dresses the way I dress. When I started doing Clarissa, the clothes scared me a little. But then again, the show started some fashion trends, and I think that's pretty cool.

NM: How is making a TV show different from making a movie?

MJH: When you work on a TV series, you get a sense of home. You get to know everyone, and you get to know the place, and that's wonderful. But doing a movie is also a lot of fun.

because you're on location, and you get to meet new people all the time.

NM: Do you ever wish you had magical powers?

MJH: Sure. I'd like to be able to make my brother shut up. No, just kidding. I'd like to be able to freeze time. If I felt like sleeping late one day, I'd freeze time and sleep late. Or if I didn't know the answer on a test, I'd freeze time and find it.

NM: Have you been a witch for Halloween?

MJH: I dressed up as Elvira. But I don't know if that counts as a witch.

NM: What was your favorite Halloween costume as a kid?

MJH: One time, I put on my mom's old bathrobe, some face cream, and hair curlers. That was easy, and I got a lot of candy.

NM: What's your favorite candy?

MJH: I really like Twix. The crew of *Clarissa* used to give me boxes of them for my birthday.

NM: What scares you?

MJH: I'm scared of flying...in a plane, not on a broomstick. And when I was little, I was scared of throwing up. That's how my fear of flying started—because I threw up on a plane once.

NM: Do you have your own broom?

MJH: I don't have one. I'll have to get one. That should be on my list of things to do.

I don't have room for a broom.

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Fire Prevention Week begins. This day has no match.	7 Yo-Yo Ma, cellist, born, 1955. He was born two days late.	1 National Pasta Month. It says so right here on this colander.	2 Sting, musician, born, 1951. Did his mother call The Police?	3 Chubby Checker, musician, born, 1941. Do The Twist.	4 Dick Tracy comic strip makes its debut, 1931. Talk into your watch.	5 National Yo-Yo Contest in Chico, California. This day has its ups and downs.
13 It's still National Pasta Month. Don't strain yourself.	14 National School Lunch Week begins. It's tray importante. Columbus Day.	8 Chevy Chase, actor, born, 1943. Be the Man of the House.	9 John Lennon, member of The Beatles, born, 1940. Shake it up, baby.	10 World Beef Expo begins in Madison, Wisconsin. It's a rare event.	11 Luke Perry, actor, born, 1966. Is he 90210 years old?	12 Fire Ant Festival begins in Marshall, Texas. Quick! Get the water bugs.
20 Mickey Mantle born, 1931. Did his mom put his picture on the mantle?	21 Dizzy Gillespie, jazz trumpeter, born, 1917. Toot your own horn.	15 Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, born, 1959. Be well-red.	16 Angela Lansbury, actress, born, 1925. Birth, she wrote.	17 Miniature Golf National Championship begins in Boca Raton, Florida. Eat a miniature club sandwich.	18 Alaska Day. Chill out.	19 John Lithgow, actor, born, 1945. Where did his parents put the 3RD Rock From Their Son?
27 New York City subway opens, 1904. They knew it would fare well.	28 Statue of Liberty is dedicated, 1886. Keep in torch!	22 Jeff Goldblum, actor, born, 1952. He wasn't born on Independence Day.	23 Pele, soccer player, born, 1940. His mother felt him kick.	24 It's Halloween. Seven days to get scary.	25 Pablo Picasso, artist, born, 1881. Don't be so blue, period!	26 Erie Canal opens, 1825. What was so Erie about it?
		29 Three days left of October. You're about to leaf October.	30 Jan Vermeer, Dutch painter, born, 1632. Vermeer to eternity.	31 HALLOWEEN. October R.I.P.		

It's Somewhere in the Attic

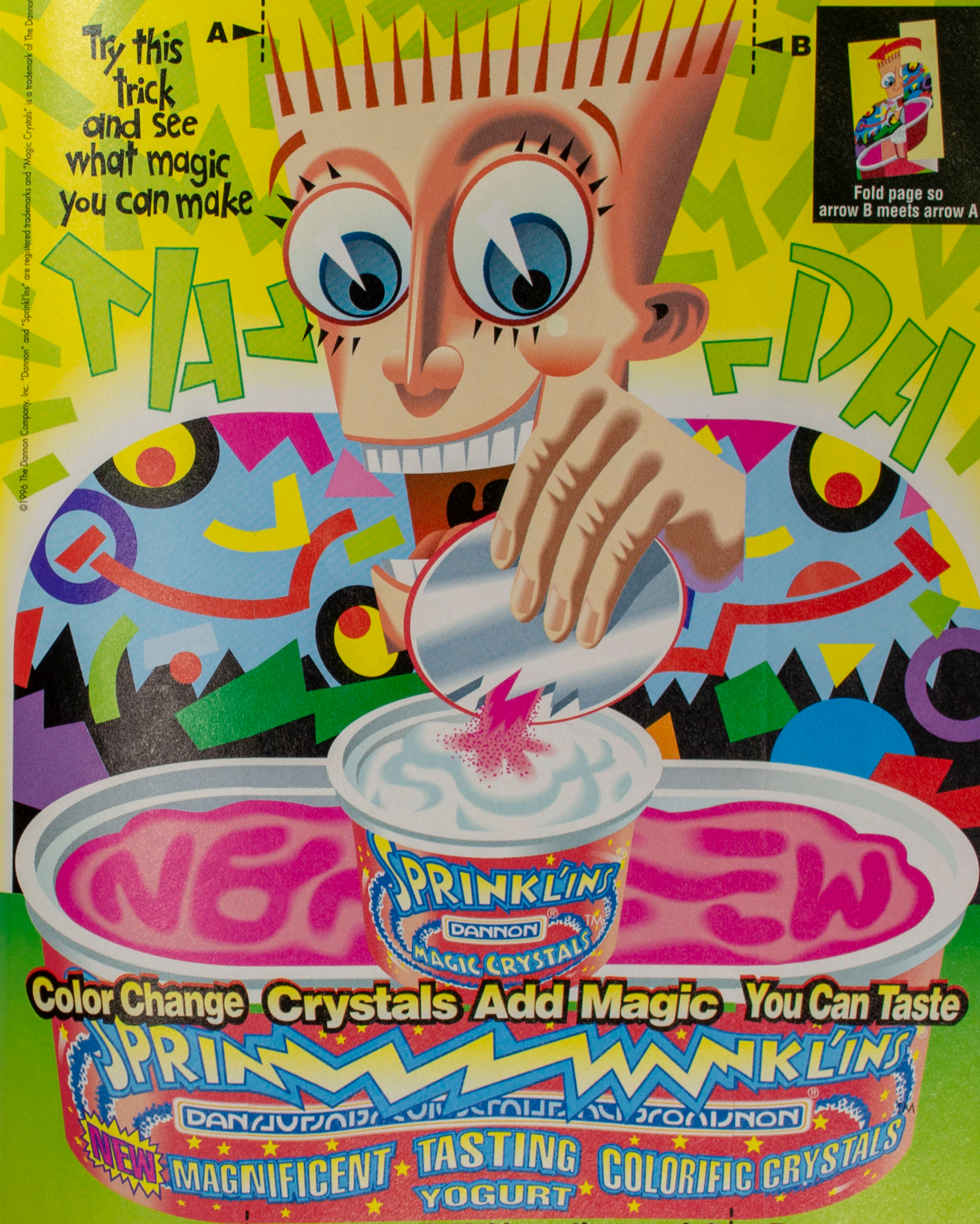
There are 16 items hidden in this spooky attic. Can you find them all? Answers on page 53.

✓ APPLE	✓ FOOTBALL	✓ FANGS	✓ LEAF
✓ SQUIRREL	✓ WITCH'S HAT	✓ TOMBSTONE	✓ PUMPKIN
✓ BROOM	✓ MASK	✓ BAT	✓ CANDY APPLE
✓ JUG	✓ CAT	✓ ACORN	✓ BOOT



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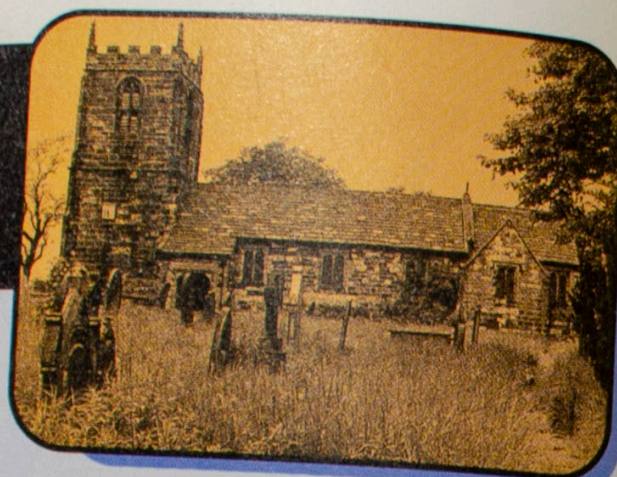


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Down-to-earth Fun!

An epitaph is the inscription on a gravestone. We made up some epitaphs. Can you match each gravestone to the person (or thing) below? Of *corpse* you can! Answers on page 53.



<p>1</p> <p>I lived in a cathedral for many a year, but I had a hunch I'd wind up here.</p> <p>G</p>	<p>2</p> <p>I lie here. But where's my ear?</p> <p>E</p>	<p>3</p> <p>R.I.P.</p> <p>B</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Within this dreary mausoleum, lies a ghost. You cannot see him.</p> <p>F</p>
<p>5</p> <p>I never shall awake. I rest in this bed. Let them eat cake, and tell me, where's my head?</p> <p>H</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Who <i>canoe</i> I'd end up here?</p> <p>A</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Put this in my personal file: That Italian gal had a nice smile.</p> <p>D</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Every body in every plot was dancin' to the Graveyard Rock!</p> <p>C</p>

I want a mausoleum.



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SPLAT-O'-LANTERNS

Celebrate Halloween with a patch of slimy pumpkins.

To prepare the crispy pumpkins, you will need:

- One helpful adult
- 3 tablespoons margarine
- One 10-ounce package of regular marshmallows (or 4 cups of mini-marshmallows)
- 6 cups of Rice Krispies
- 9 drops red food coloring
- 8 drops yellow food coloring
- A few tablespoons of margarine on a small plate
- A few green gumdrops, cut into small strips



1. Using your helpful adult, melt the 3 tablespoons of margarine in a large pot over low heat. When it's melted, pour in the marshmallows and stir until they're completely melted. Remove the pot from the heat.



2. Stir in the red food coloring and the yellow food coloring until the mixture is orange.



3. Pour in the Rice Krispies and stir until they're well coated.



4. Ask your adult to make sure the mixture is cool enough to touch. Rub your hands in the margarine on the plate (to keep the mixture from sticking to them), grab a handful of the mixture, and shape into a ball. Repeat until the mixture is gone. You'll have about 16 pumpkins.



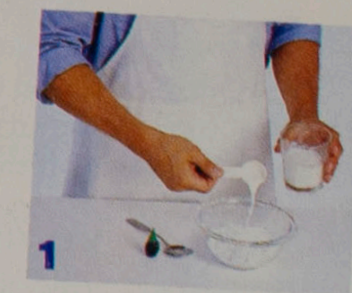
5. Make a small hole at the top of each pumpkin and insert a gumdrop strip, as a stem.



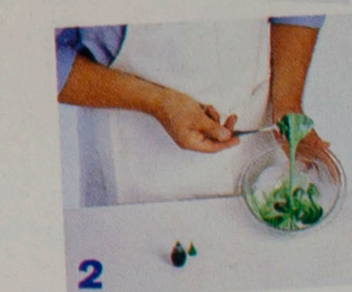
To make the green slime, you will need:

- 1½ cups powdered sugar
- A few tablespoons of milk
- 8 drops of green food coloring

1. Put the powdered sugar in a small mixing bowl. Slowly add some milk, a little at a time, and stir. When the mixture is smooth and dribbles off the spoon slowly, you have added enough milk.



2. Stir in the green food coloring.



3. Use a spoon to dribble the green slime over the top of the pumpkins. Allow the slime to harden for 10 minutes before serving.



Who needs a spoon to dribble?

Always have an adult help you in the kitchen.



Catchy Names

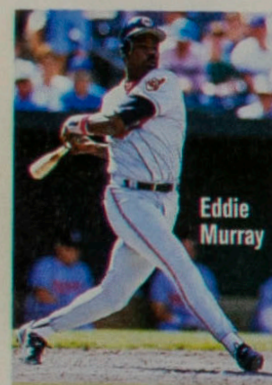
Chris Berman is a baseball announcer and a host of *Baseball Tonight* on ESPN. He's been working there since the channel started in 1979, and has been inventing nicknames for baseball players ever since.

Nickelodeon Magazine: How did the nicknaming start?

Chris Berman: It started out during the first baseball season ESPN covered. The nicknames just came out, and people were laughing, so we did more. Now, we're up to about a thousand, I guess.

NM: Do you have a system for nicknaming?

CB: I give myself fifteen seconds to think of a nickname. They just come or they don't. Also, people write in with suggestions all the time. If they make me laugh, I'll use them.



NM: What's the best nickname you didn't make up?

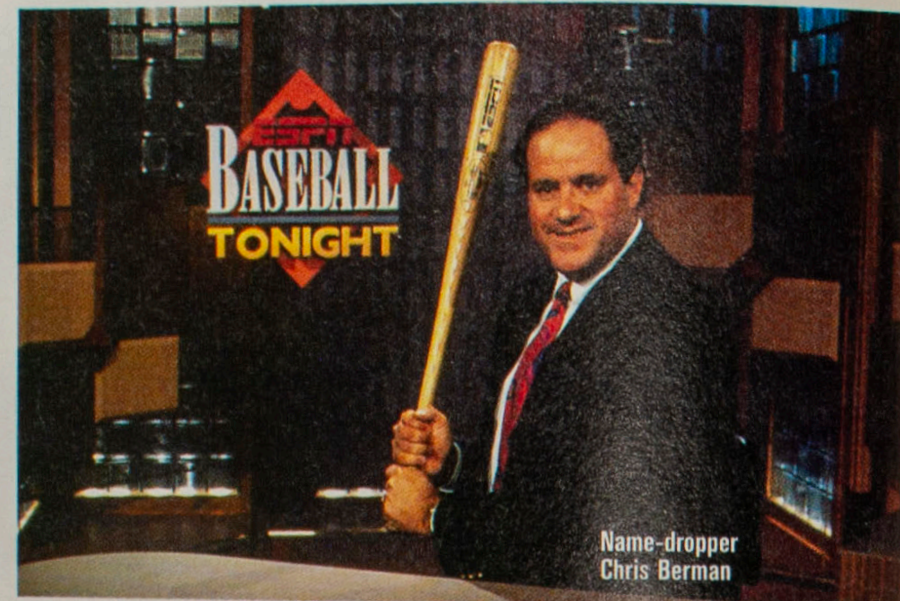
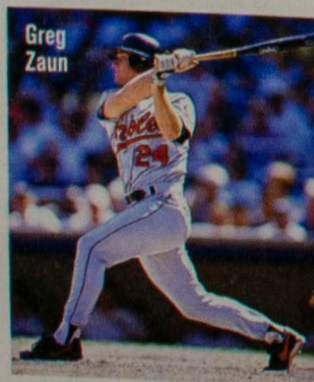
CB: I don't think Burt "Be Home" Blyleven was mine originally. Eddie "Eat, Drink, and Be" Murray. José "Can You See" Cruz, that was from another ESPN announcer, Tom Mees. There are many that aren't mine—it's like a book that has a lot of collaborators.

NM: Did you ever get in trouble because of a nickname?

CB: None of the nicknames are mean. A player might ask me, "Can't you do better than that?" That's okay. But no one's ever been like, "Berman, you jerk."

NM: Do you get upset when players with good nicknames retire?

CB: Yeah, but you know what? The names get recycled. Here's one: There's a young catcher, formerly on the Cleveland Indians, now on the Baltimore Orioles, named Greg Zaun. There used to



be a pitcher ten years ago, and he was Geoff "Wrath Of" Zahn. So now it's Greg "Wrath Of" Zaun.

NM: What are some of your favorite nicknames for players?

CB: Oh, there are a lot. Besides Burt "Be Home" Blyleven, there's Jim "Two Silhouettes On" Deshaies, and Chuck "New Kids On" Knoblauch.



NM: Do you have a nickname?

CB: I've been called Chris "I'll Never Be Your Beast Of" Berman, Chris Berman "Of Alcatraz," and Chris "Ethel Merman" Berman—George Brett gave me that one.

NM: What are your kids' names, and have you given them nicknames?

CB: Meredith and Doug, and neither of them have nicknames. They have given me a few for players, though.



NM: Which ones?

CB: When Meredith was around eight, she told me that golfer Jesper Parnevik should be "Jurassic" Parnevik, and Doug gave Wil Cordero the nickname Wil "Bungee" Cordero.

NM: What's your favorite sport to cover?

CB: I'd have to give the edge to football, but I do love announcing baseball.



NM: Who's your favorite player ever?

CB: Baseball, Willie Mays. Football, Joe Namath. Hockey, Guy Lafleur. Female athlete, Chris Evert.

NM: Did you want to be an announcer when you were a kid?

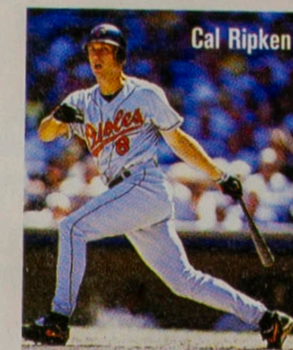
CB: Oh yeah. I thought announcing would be a fun way to go to games for free and get to talk to my heroes.

NM: Do you ever get bored watching sports?

CB: Not really. I'm always interested in why a team won or lost. Even if it's ten to one in a baseball game, there's always something interesting in it.

NM: Are you ever at a loss for words?

CB: Well, sometimes, sure. It's funny—we got an Emmy award for our coverage of the Orioles' game when Cal Ripken broke Lou Gehrig's record, and I didn't say anything for twenty-three minutes during his lap around the field in the fifth inning. I got more credit for saying nothing than I have for broadcasting in seventeen years. Maybe they're trying to tell me something.



Below are some of Chris Berman's nicknames. Can you tell which one belongs to which player? Match the nickname in the right column to the player in the left. We did one to get you started.

Answers on page 53.

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|-----------|------|----------|---------------|
| 1. Rob | Rein | Deer | Bubble |
| 2. Bob | | Kipper | Where Does It |
| 3. Butch | | Wynegar | Innocent |
| 4. Jim | | Dwyer | Actual Retail |
| 5. Kevin | | Gross | Summer |
| 6. LaMarr | | Hoyt | Oil And |
| 7. Terry | | Puhl | Swimming |
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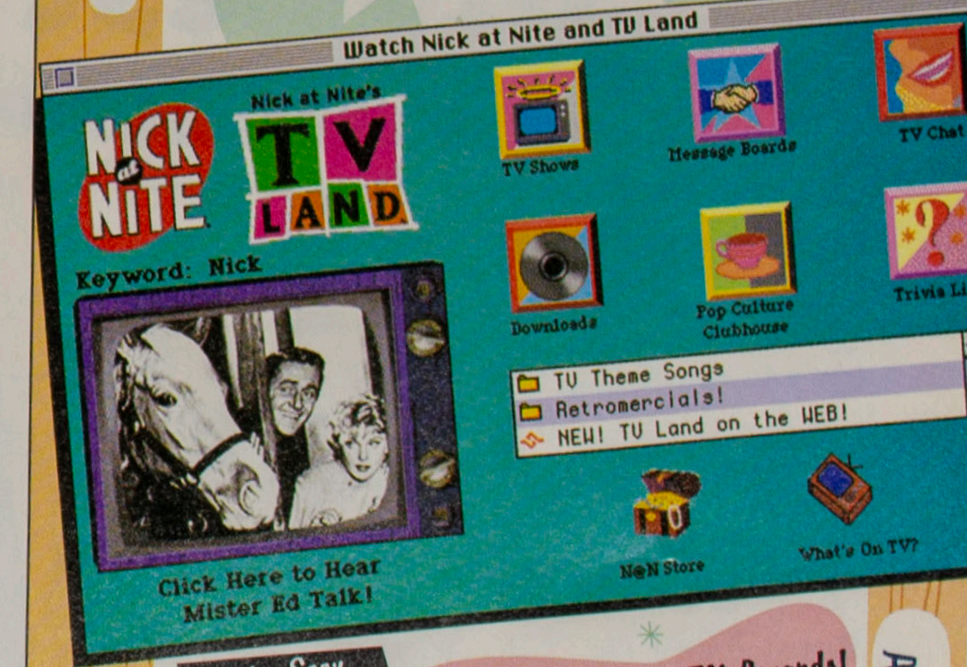
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Dear Alien

Dear QZ:
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Alex & Sam:
I use disposable mops instead of cotton swabs, and there is enough wax in my ears to make all the candles for a very old person's birthday cake. I'm glad my folks named me QZ and not Q-Tip.

Dear QZ:
Zelda Van Gutters looks like a squeaky toy. Do you chew on her?
Pat S.
Long Island, New York

Pat:
No, I don't, but now I think I know why she's been chewing on me.

Dear QZ:
My dog won't stop drinking water out of the toilet. What's your advice?
Zach M.
Lufkin, Texas

Zach:
Tell the dog to put a lid on it. If he or she lifts the lid, threaten to use the dog's water bowl as your toilet. That should flush the problem right down the drain.

DeAr QZ:
I CaN't StOp WritinG uPpErCaSe, LoWeRcAsE sInCe I vIsItEd Zlttlz. dO yOu ThInK It's A vIrUeS I pIckEd uP?
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CoLoNiA, nEw jErSeY

rObErT:
It just might be a virus, and you should have a doctor examine your upper and lower cases.

Dear QZ:
What's the biggest secret that the government is hiding from us?
Adam G.
Washington, D.C.

Adam:
Years ago, the government secretly manufactured a virus that makes people write funny. They inoculated only one person with it (someone in Colonia, New Jersey), but nobody knows just who that person is.

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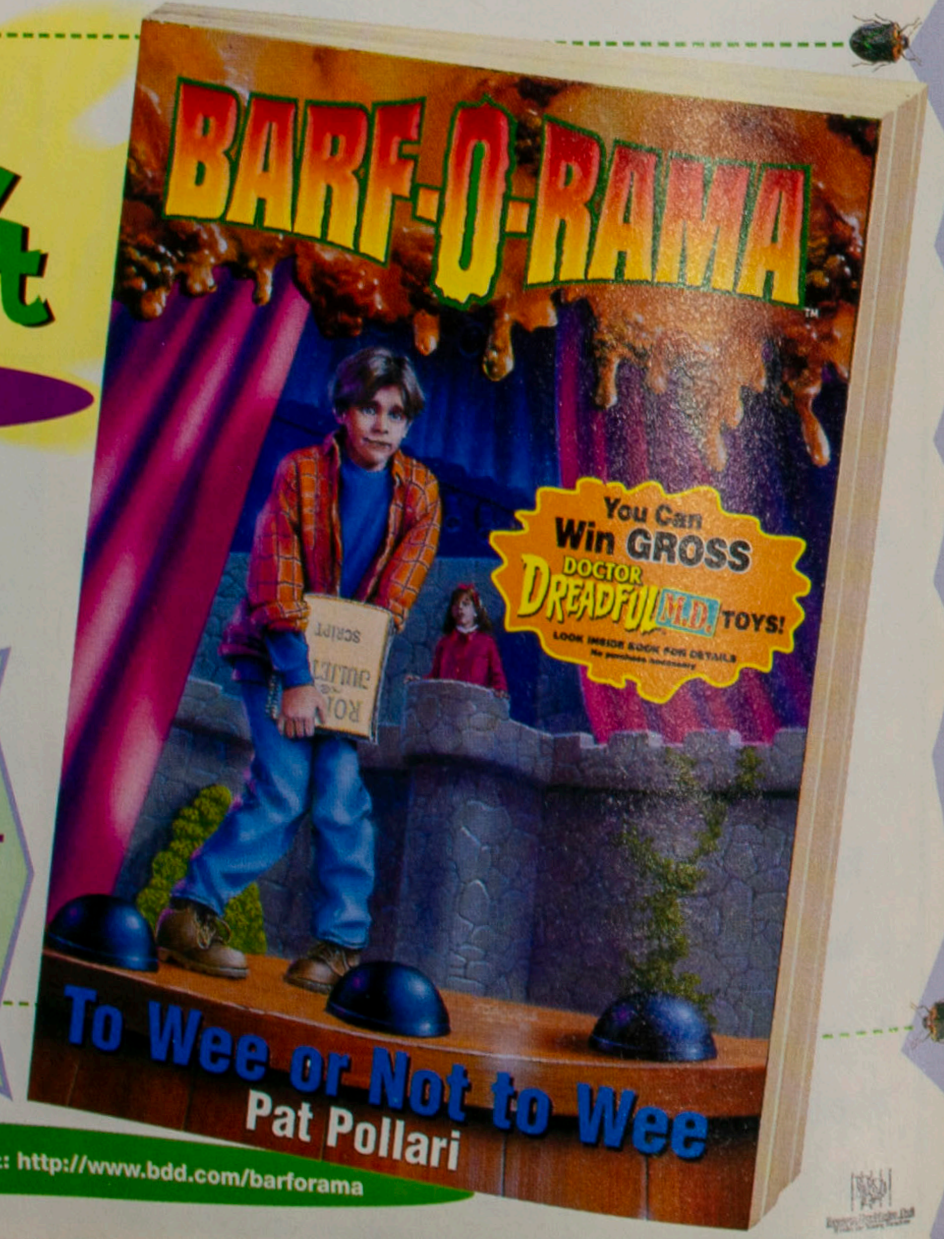
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MESSAGES FROM BEYOND

by David Lewman



IT'S HALLOWEEN, but your home isn't completely decorated until you've recorded a seasonal message on your family's answering machine. Here are two scripts to get you started, but feel free to write your own. (Note: Be sure to get a parent's permission.)

Message #1: Pumpkin Talk

For this message, you need two people.

Actor One: Hi, this is _____ your name

Actor Two: And this is Jack O. Lantern.

Actor One: We can't answer the phone right now, because we're busy carving.

Actor Two: Obviously we've already done my wonderful mouth.

Actor One: I think we made it too big. What kind of nose do you want, Jack?

Actor Two: Oh, something Tom Cruise-ish.

Actor One: How about a triangle?

Actor Two: What?! Are you kidding? Hey, not the knife! Ouch!

Actor One: Please hold still, Jack! And please leave us a message.

Actor Two: You know, you didn't scrape out all of my goop.

Machine: *Beep!*

Message #2: At the Sound of the Beep, Howl.



In this message, you play a werewolf.

You: Hello, this is _____ your name. I'd love to talk, but there's a full moon tonight. (Growl a little.) Oh, no—I'm getting hair all over the answering machine again. (Growl and howl.) Oops, here come the fangs... and there goes my retainer. (More growling and snorting.) Boy, I could really go for some Ken-L Ration. (Lots of growling.) Please leave a message at the sound of the (long howl).

REVOLTING BUT TRUE FACTS

By Ruth Lindy and Saun Ellis

UNTIL FIVE YEARS AGO, BAT POOP WAS USED AS AN INGREDIENT IN EYE MAKEUP.

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TV Goes KABLAM!

KABLAM! isn't just the sound of exploding dynamite; it's also the name (and noise) of Nickelodeon's new Friday night show, which starts October 11 at 8 PM*.

KABLAM! is a half-hour cartoon variety show hosted by two wisecracking cartoon kids named Henry and June. The show crams at least five cartoons into each episode. Plus, KABLAM! looks totally different from other shows because it mixes all kinds of animation. Here's a look at some of the cartoons that go KABLAM!



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Justice and Meltman

SNIZ AND FONDUE

Starring: Sniz, Fondue, Bianca, and Snuppa

What it's about: Sniz and Fondue are two wacky cats who get into a lot of trouble. Sniz, who's smaller (and louder), drags the nervous Fondue into the thick of things.

Get used to hearing: "Cut me an over-sized wedge!" which is Sniz and Fondue's way of saying "Give me a break!" When Sniz is very excited, he says, "Snap me down!"

How it's done: Cel animation. Several slightly different character drawings are made on celluloid (clear plastic sheets). One at a time, the drawings (or cels) are placed on a background drawing and then photographed. When all those photos are run in order, it looks like the character is moving. Cel animation is used to make many cartoons, including *Rugrats*.



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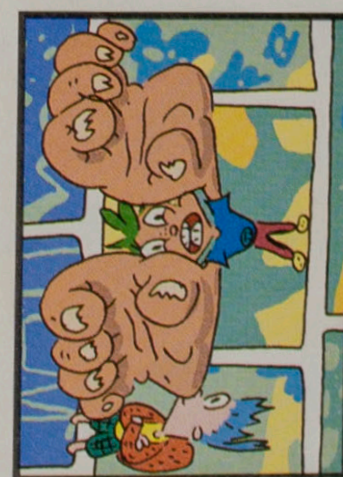


Starring: Henry and June
What it's about: Henry and June are best friends who live inside a comic book. They pop up a few

times each episode—letting their imaginations run wild, dreaming up nutty situations, and introducing the other **KABLAM!** segments.

Get used to hearing: "Kablammy" and "Kablammerific" to describe anything that's good or funny.

How it's done: Computer animation. The pictures are hand-drawn and then animated using computers.



ACTION LEAGUE NOW!

Starring: Thundergirl, Meltman, The Chief, The Flesh, Stinky Diver, Justice, and The Mayor

What it's about: A motley crew of action figures clumsily tries to make the world a better place.

Get used to hearing: "Ouchies!" after The Flesh has been crushed. The Chief yells "Blast it!" when he's in fear of being blown up.

How it's done: CHUCKIMATION and stop-action. CHUCKIMATION is pretty low-tech. To make the characters look like they're flying, people off-camera throw (or chuck) the action figures into the camera frame.

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The Action League in action



Justice and Meltman

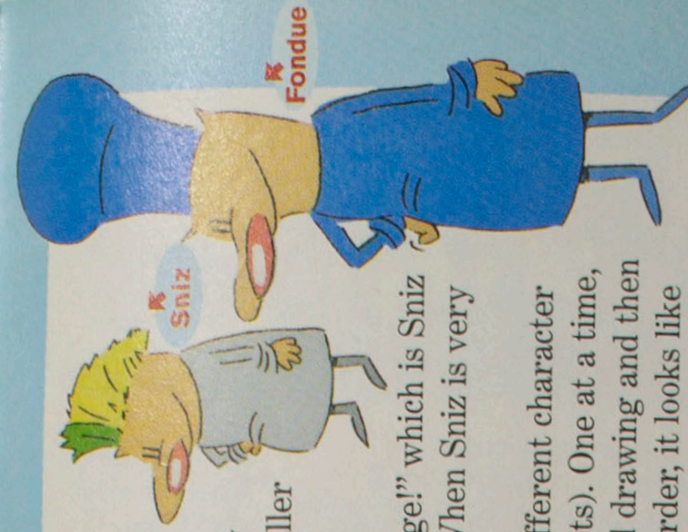
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Hey, Herb!

What is the worst Halloween costume you have ever worn?
When I started working for Nickelodeon, I went to a party as the color orange. All my clothes—including my socks and shoes—were orange. I even painted my hands, neck, face, and ears with orange greasepaint. And when I got home, I tried to wash the paint off, but my ears stayed orange. They looked like they were radioactive. It took about a week for me to get all the paint off.

Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, Herb Scannell, anything you want.

What was your favorite candy as a kid?
Sweetarts were my favorite candy until I was about nine years old. One day I bought a giant Sweetart. I ate about half of it and couldn't eat any more. The other half sat in the fridge for almost a year, until it was finally thrown away. That Sweetart conquered me.

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Fridays explode with **KABLAM!**
The Wubbulous World of Dr. Seuss will wow you on Sundays.
All shows begin at 8 PM*.

SNICK Picks

Kenan Thompson and Kel Mitchell (Mavis and Clavis on *All That*) star in their own comedy, *Kenan and Kel*, about two bungling buddies. It begins Saturday, October 12, at 8 PM*. And then at 8:30 PM*, *Space Cases* relaunches with new episodes.

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Hey Arnold!



Alex Mack



Kenan and Kel

Useful Foreign Phrases

This Halloween, amaze your friends and family with your knowledge of German.

I've come to haunt your house.

Ich bin gekommen, um in Ihrem Haus zu spuken.

eesh bin ge-COME-in, oom in EE-rem house tsu SHPOO-ken.

Don't scream. Just hand over the candy.

Nicht schreien. Die Bonbons bitte.

neesht SHRY-en. dee BON-bons bit-a.

Have you seen the Great Pumpkin?

Hast du den Großen Kürbis gesehen?

hast doo dayn GROW-sen KER-bis ge-zey-en?



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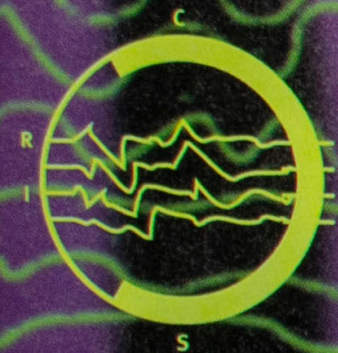
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All Dressed Up (page 4)

Zelda Van Gutters, our roving reporter, went undercover as a bunny on page 47.

Mystery Meat (page 16)

The following meats are real: 1-pimento loaf; 2-bacon; 3-blood sausage; 4-liverwurst; 5-bratwurst; 6-kidney; 7-boneless chuck; 8-braunschweiger; 9-T-bone; 10-sweetbreads; 11-salami; 12-summer sausage; 13-tripe; 14-standing rump roast; 15-headcheese; 16-bottom round; 17-ground beef; 18-spareribs; 19-shank; 20-beef jerky.

It's Somewhere in the Attic (page 36)



Down-to-earth Fun! (page 38)

1-G, 2-E, 3-B, 4-F, 5-H, 6-A, 7-D, 8-C.

Catchy Names (page 45)

1-Rob "Rein" Deer; 2-Bob "Yom" Kipper; 3-Butch "Oil And" Wynegar; 4-Jim "Washer And" Dwyer; 5-Kevin "Totally" Gross; 6-LaMarr "Where Does It" Hoyt; 7-Terry "Swimming" Puhl; 8-Rick "Innocent" Lysander; 9-Joe "Actual Retail" Price; 10-Bill "Bubble" Bathe; 11-Rick "Summer" Camp.

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The Wind in the Pillows (page 20)



Goof Troupe



In our September issue, Robin Sayers should have been credited with interviewing Ron Popeil ("Ron Sprays It On," page 44). Also in our September issue, on the Teen Beep poster (page 39), Android Keegan said he doesn't like "girls who are artificially intelligent." It should have said, "girls who are artificially intelligent." We are trying to work that bug out.



Say What? From the May issue

We asked you to fill in the thought and speech balloons. Here are the top dogs.

Woman: Where should I move?
Dog: Someplace far away so I can have the house to myself.

Chad H., age 11
Sherwood, North Dakota

Woman: You're winning, you dog.
Dog: No pawn intended.

Alexander B., age 10
Bronx, New York

Woman: Make your move.
Dog: Sorry, but I don't kiss on the first date.

Robert E., age 11
Brooklyn, New York

Woman: Checkmate.
Dog: Nuts! There goes my doghouse.

Cedric B., age 11
New Haven, Connecticut

Woman: Your move.
Dog: Easy for you to say. I don't have hands!

Jennifer M., age 12
Bakersfield, California

Woman: Mind your manners. No paws on the table.
Dog: This tastes like chicken.

Erin M., age 11
Clementon, New Jersey



Whatever You Want



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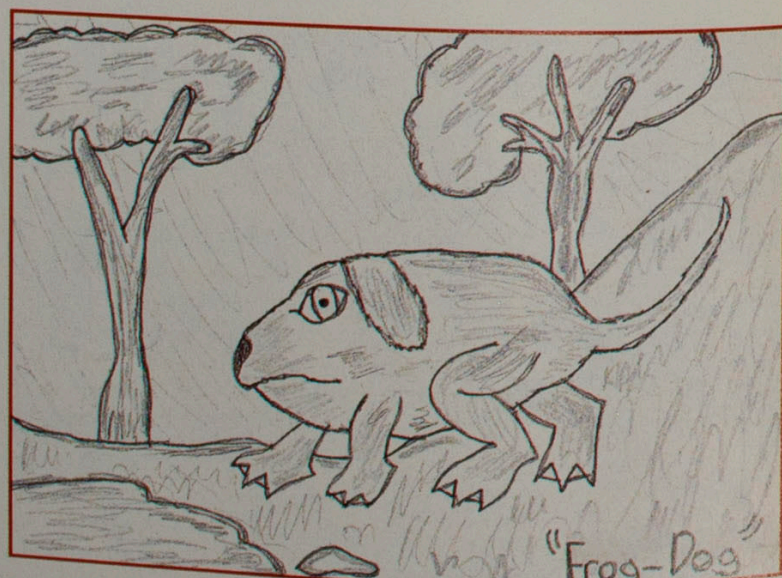
In our May issue, we asked you to invent an animal that has never been seen before. Here are our contest winners and honorable mentions. Each winner received Nickelodeon Videos, a Nickelodeon T-shirt, Gak, Floam, Smud, and other prizes.



The Carrot Parrot

Xavier L., age 10
Tacoma, Washington

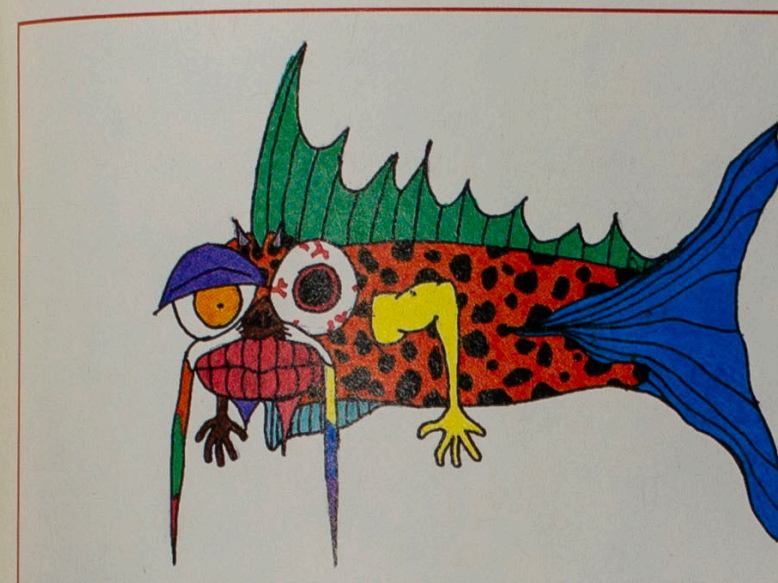
WINNER



The Frog-Dog

Tom P., age 9
Orange, California

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The Phalangeelee

Brandon S., age 14
Hereford, Arizona

WINNER

Honorable Mentions

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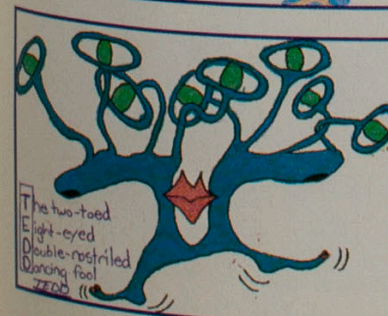
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Christie G., age 8
Hazlet, New Jersey



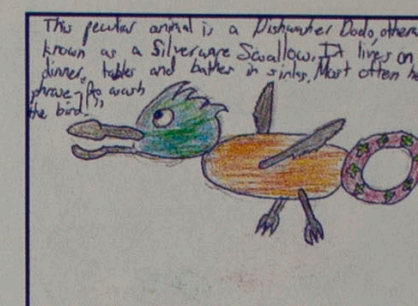
The Sputnickle

Chris C., age 10
Pleasanton, California



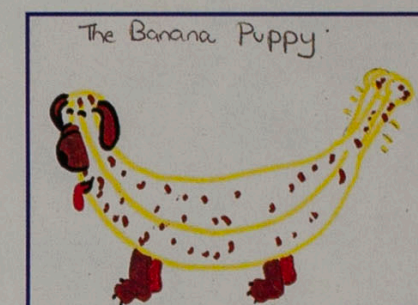
T.E.D.D.: The two-toed, eight-eyed, double-nostriled, dancing fool

Tessa H., age 13
Limaville, Ohio



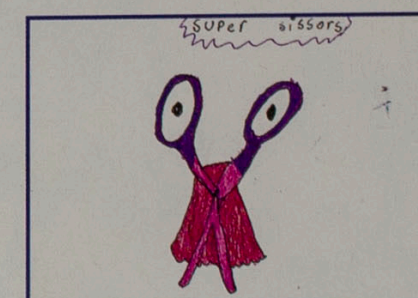
The Dishwasher Dodo

Eli N., age 11
Los Angeles, California



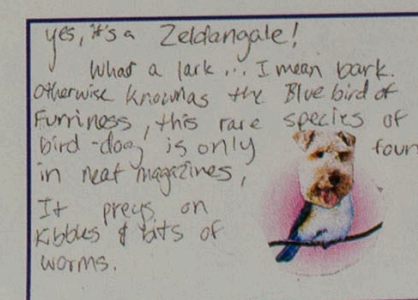
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Jenna T., age 11
Oceanside, California



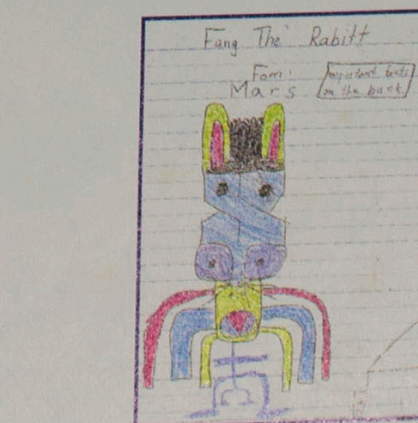
The Super Scissors

Katie H., age 9
Indianapolis, Indiana



The Zeldangale

Gabe M., age 13
Newark, Delaware



Fang the Rabbit From Mars

Kevin T., age 10
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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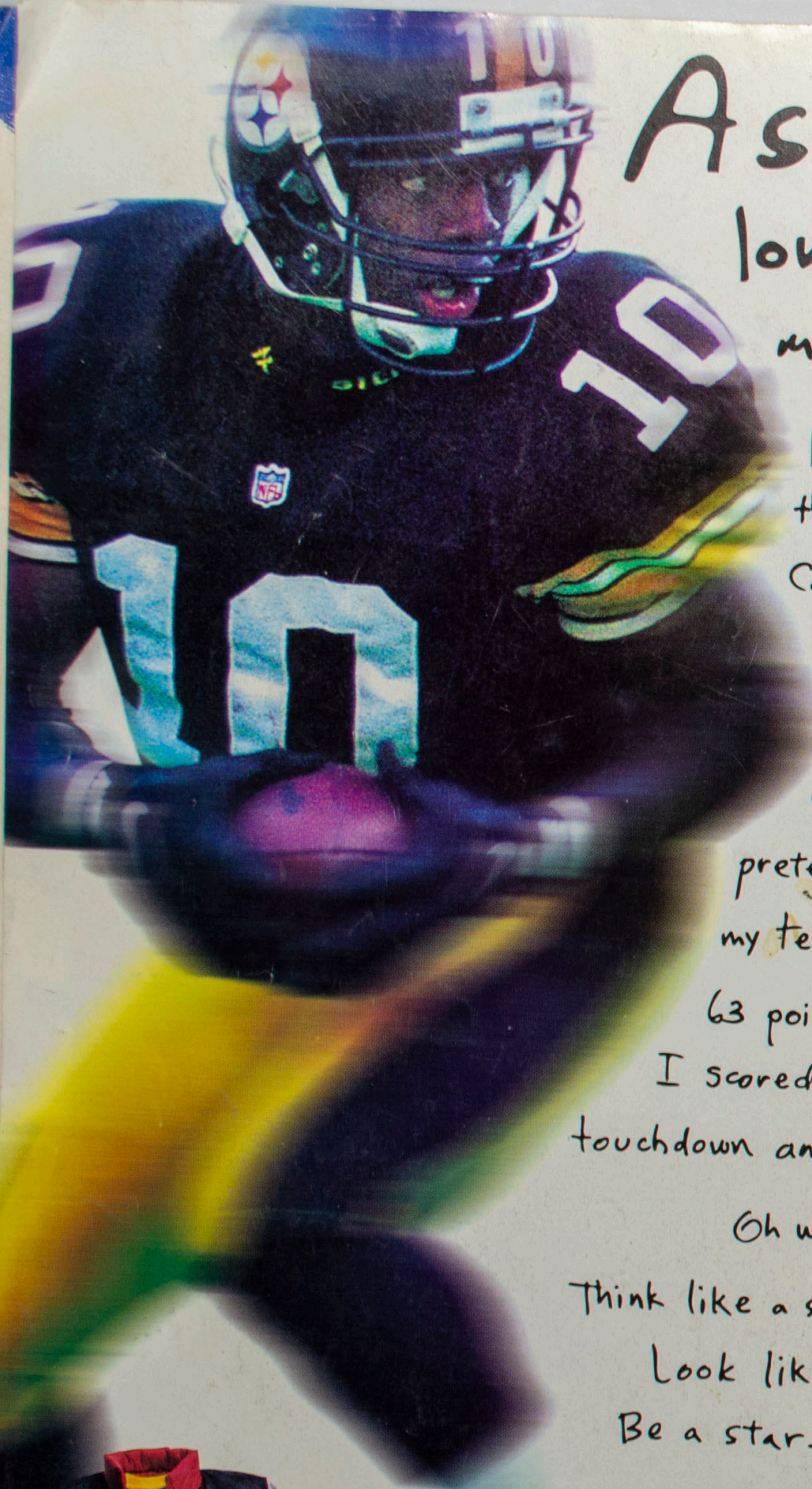
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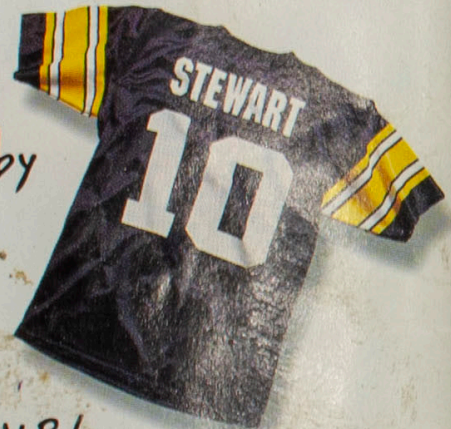
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